

*******PRESS RELEASE*******

WATER TO BE RELEASED FROM SANTA ROSA LAKE

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Albuquerque District will be making a block release of water from Santa Rosa Lake beginning Monday, Feb. 9 and ending approximately on Thursday, Feb. 12. A "block release" is a release from the dam for a short period at a moderate or higher flowrate, in this case amounting to about 3000 acre-feet of volume or more. Carlsbad Irrigation District, which owns the water right, has called for the release through the Bureau of Reclamation so that the water can be efficiently transported through Lake Sumner down to Brantley Reservoir near Carlsbad, in preparation for the irrigation season.

The flow rate is expected to peak at approximately 600 cubic feet per second, and to be stepped down as the reservoir drops towards the target elevation of 4678 feet. These flows are moderate and will **not** create hazardous conditions. However, it should be noted that the reservoir will be at its lowest point since 1991 leaving very little water in the lake.